Compositors and Binders appointed in the Government Press.

92 *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Muslim and non-Muslim compositors appointed on Rs. 20-25 in the Government Press from the year 1105 up to 31-10-1110;

(*b*) the number of Muslim and non-Muslim compositors appointed on Rs. 17-20 in the Government Press from 1105 up to 31-10-1110;

(*c*) the number of Muslim and non-Muslim Machine-Minders appointed on Rs. 15-20 in the Government Press from 1105 up to 31-10-1110

(*d*) the number of Muslim and non-Muslim Binders appointed on Rs. 20-25 in the Government Press from 1105 up to 31-10-1110?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). No new appointments of compositors, Machine-Minders or Binders were made in any of the scales of pay referred to during the period in question.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know how many kinds of appointments there are in the Government Press?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Compositors, Proof-Readers, Book-Binders etc. They are all given in the Budget.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know what is meant by "no new appointments were made"?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The meaning is clear.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is there any kind of appointment called "new appointments"?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Till 1090 there were piece-workers who were paid monthly wages. After 1090 that system was abolished and regular piece-workers were engaged and paid according to the quantity of work they turn out, as a result of the Press Committee's Report. When vacancies occur among pre-1090 appointments the places in the bottom scales are not filled up so that all these pre 1090 appointments may be done away with in course of time. Hence no new appointments are being made among piece-workers.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the number of Muslims and non-Muslims appointed in the Government Press, who are in service now?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As what?

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): On Rs. 15-20 scale.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is that no new appointments are made.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the number of Muslims now in service ?

PRESIDENT: Your question is about *new appointments*.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): My question is not about *new appointments*.

PRESIDENT: Your question is about new appointments from the year 1105 up to 1110.

Appointments in the Government Press.

93. * MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Muslims and non-Muslims appointed in the administrative branch of the Government Press ; in,

(i) office and (ii) stores,

from 1105 up to 31-10-1110 ; and

(*b*) the number of Muslims and non-Muslims appointed in the executive branches of the Government Press, in.

(i) composing department, (ii) reading department, (iii) machine department, (iv) binding department, (v) despatching department, (vi) workshop department and (vii) miscellaneous department :

from 1105 up to 31-10-1110 ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether there is any branch other than the branches mentioned in the statement ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question relates to the administrative and executive branches.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Besides the administrative and executive branches, may I know whether there is any other branch ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, there is the compositors' branch, proof readers' branch, examiners' branch and so on.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the reason for not appointing any Muslim in these branches for the last six years ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are no special reasons. If there were vacancies and if Muslims had applied, their applications must have been considered along with the other applications.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the qualifications fixed for these posts ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is laid down in the Public Service Notification.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Did the Government invite applications when these vacancies arose ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : By advertisement ? No. they did not.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Who is the appointing authority now in the Government Press ?

* *Vide* Appendix I.

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